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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT**

**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE**

**BETWEEN THE**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**AND**

**THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN**

**FOR**

**THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF A BETTER EDUCATED AND HEALTHIER  
POPULATION**

Dated as of: May 11, 2006

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**AMENDMENT NO. 3**  
**TO**  
**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT**

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT between the Government of the United States of America, acting through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, acting through the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"), dated as of May 11, 2006.

WHEREAS, The Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") for the strategic objective of a better educated and healthier population, USAID Grant Agreement No. 306-07-00 dated September 19, 2005 (capitalized terms not defined in this amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the SOAG) and subsequently amended such agreement on September 30, 2005 (Amendment No. 1) and on April 6, 2006 (Amendment No. 2); and

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee wish to amend Section 3.1 (a) of the SOAG to increase the USAID contribution by TWENTY-SIX MILLION SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE (US) DOLLARS (**US\$26,604,629.00**);

Therefore Section 3.1(a) of the SOAG is amended as follows:

- (a) Section 3.1 (a) is amended by deleting the amount NINETY-ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND SEVENTY HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (**US\$91,234,128.70**) and inserting the amount ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND SEVENTY HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (**US\$117,838,757.70**) in lieu thereof.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Amendment No. 3 to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day, month and year first written above.

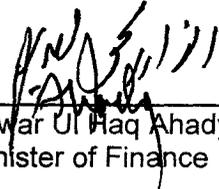
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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

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